

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
January 26, 2021**

PRESENT	Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioners Tyrel Hamilton and Steve Riveland, members, Shannon Fisher, Admin Assistant. Others Present: Mark Schreiner, Road & Bridge; Kevin Ray, Rod & Bridge; Brandon Duffey, Great West Engineering; Kisha Miller, City of Columbus; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Randy Smith, SCSO; Carol Arkell, DES; Jennifer Reed, Library; Emily Schabacher, Stillwater County News; Citizens: Maureen Davey, Colleen Brewer, Andrea Beer, Don Beer, Ted Price, Lynda Grande, Webb Mandeville, Kathleen Ralph, Angie Osborne, Don Strizki, Edward May, Mike Davey, Jenny Calovis, Jerry Wanner.
PLEDGE	Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
MINUTES	December 22, 2020. Commissioner Hamilton MOVED to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Riveland SECONDED . No discussion. <u>Motion passed unanimously.</u>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Commissioner Crago announced that the Beartooth Front Public Hearing for the citizens initiated zone has been rescheduled for February 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbus Evangelical Church. This will be an in person meeting with zoom capabilities. The zoom link will be posted for those who would like to attend via zoom. The zoom link will be posted on the Stillwater County Website, Facebook page, and it will also be posted in the courthouse. The Pavilion is now open to the public providing that the Governors directives are followed. People wishing to rent the pavilion should contact Christine Baker at the planning office. The rental agreement now has a portion pertaining to the Governors directive and that CDC guidelines will be followed during an event.
CONSENT AGENDA	<u>Public Health</u> Public Health Immunization Services. Commissioner Hamilton MOVED to consent to the consent agenda. Commissioner Riveland SECONDED . Discussion - This is a change to the original task order with public health. The County serves as a pass through from the State to the local hospital for public health. The change is an additional \$4935.00 to help them with the administration of the COVID vaccine. <u>Motion passed unanimously.</u>
FILE	<u>Economic Development</u> a) Stillwater County Events Center Complex Bid Package 1 - Metal Building- DAC Letter of Recommendation. Commissioner Hamilton MOVED to deny the letter of recommendation for all bid packages. Commissioner Riveland SEONDED . Discussion - Commissioner Crago explained that at an earlier capital facilities meeting it came to the Commission's attention that there are several members of the public that feel they don't know enough about this project yet. The committee and the Commissioners have decided that it is in the best interest of the County to continue to plan but pause on bidding or awarding bids at this time and to make sure the questions that the public have are answered and to get more of the publics input, before investing in the structure and components of the project. This is a formal process due to the fact it had gone out to bid so the Commission has to formally put out a letter denying

all bids. Hopefully this is a temporary pause to the project but that depends on the feedback from the public and the public meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Preliminary Engineering Report for On Site Sewer System. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to accept the preliminary engineering report for the on-site sewer system. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Crago explained that this is for the potential new fairgrounds event center complex. During a capital improvements meeting an acquisition of a neighboring property was discussed. This was contingent that an on-site sewer system would work. Travis West of West Engineering performed an analysis of the site. The results of the analysis was a system that will work and that DEQ would approve. If the project were to move forward this would be a significant cost savings to the county as opposed to having to bore under the interstate and connect to city services. This does not mean the project is moving forward, this is not being bid on, it is a question as to what sewer options were available for the project. There is a sewer option to connect to the city and there is an option for on-site sewer on newly acquired ground. This is part of the project checklist to have answers before the public meetings. Don Beer asked what the cost of the analysis was. Commissioner Crago responded that it was approximately \$8000.00. Don Beer also asked if it required the purchase of the additional property. Commissioner Crago responded yes. Don Beer then asked what the cost associated with that would be. Commissioner Crago responded that the Commission has not entered into cost negotiations with the landowner yet. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Petition Request for Extension of Water Service to County Fairgrounds Site. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the petition request for water mains to the county fairgrounds project. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion - Maureen Davey asked who the petition was to. Commissioner Crago responded that the petition was to the City of Columbus. This is another item on the list of things that need to be done for the fairgrounds project. This is part of the city's process. This is not a formal petition form. It is a formal letter requesting the need for services asking if the city would be willing to supply city water services to the site. Maureen also asked if this was the first official communication with the city. Commissioner Crago responded that it is the first official request to the city. Maureen asked if the petition was official. Commissioner Crago responded that if it gets passed and signed then it would be an official request. Don Beer asked what would be the costs associated with extending the water services to the site. Commissioner Crago responded that the cost would be nominal as the city water main runs through the site. Don Beer asked if the city water main runs under the interstate over to the site. Commissioner Crago responded yes it does and it also runs up the hill and to the water tower. Don Beer then asked if it would involve just a street cut permit and to tie in to services. Commissioner Crago responded that it wouldn't require a street cut permit because it would tie in in the middle of a field. The main runs on the western boundary of the county property. These costs would be figured into the estimates of site development. Don Beer asked if the commission has researched if there is enough water for fire suppression. Commissioner Crago responded that is part of what the city will have to do while reviewing the petition. The engineers for the county have done all the studies for what the buildings would require and they have been working with the city's engineers. The city will have to rely on their public works department and engineers to make a decision and pass that information on to the city council to make a decision. The city may say yes or no but it is part of the process before more public meetings are held. Kisha Miller asked if the county wants to be on the City agenda for the Monday meeting on February 1, 2021 to go before the council or is that too soon. Commissioner Crago responded that County wants to do this at the earliest convenience for the city, but the county does not want there to be any hasty decisions made so whatever time the city needs to decide is fine. Kisha replied that the county could put it before the council and tell them they do not have to make a decision right away and they can refer it to the city attorney for his response. Commissioner Crago stated that if that is the city's process than that would be preferred so they can get it reviewed.

Commission

a) County Planning Board Appointments - Five board openings for two-year terms. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** recommend the next and appoint the following four people to the County Planning Board: Carolyn Hutson, Raymond Karls, Gary Enstrom and Dennis Gerke. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Crago stated that assuming this gets voted through, there will still be one position open. There is a lot of desire to get involved with what is going on in the county and there is no better way to do it than to volunteer for one of these boards. There are several boards openings coming up this year and applications are available for people who want volunteer for one of these boards and serve the county and community. Motion passed unanimously.

b) City-County Planning Board Appointment - One board opening for a two-year term. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the recommendation and appoint Heidi Stadel to the City-County Planning Board. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Crago stated that this is a renewal for Heidi Stadel to serve on the City-County Planning Board, she is actively serving now and wishes to continue serving. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None heard.

With no further comments heard the meeting was recessed at 9:14 a.m. rejoining at 9:30 for the Public Hearing on the draft CIP for public input.

PUBLIC HEARING

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OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Crago opened the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

REASON FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Crago made introductions and announced the Public Hearing is being held for public input on the draft CIP plan. The last Capital Improvements Plan was done in 2007. Commissioner Crago asked Brandon Duffy of Great West Engineering to give the background on the Capital Improvements Plan.

BACKGROUND ON SPECIAL DISTRICT

Brandon Duffy explained that the Capital Improvements Plan is a document that is updated every year or every couple of years. It is a document the county uses to guide and navigate their financial spending and what projects to prioritize their spending with. In July, previously planning documents were gathered and reviewed to try and summarize the capital improvements in those plans and that needed to be brought forward and identified in this plan. A survey was also sent out to all departments within the county to identify what their priorities are. This helped them with all the departments seen within the CIP as to what their priorities were. The County also sent Great West out to survey the roads. A passer road evaluation was done on the gravel and asphalt roads in the county. This helped to get an objective look at the different conditions of the roads and ranked them according to their passer ratings, the lower the number the worse condition the road is in the higher number the better condition the road

is in. The lower numbered roads were pulled out and prioritized and put in the manual. Brandon thanked everyone for showing up and stated that this is a great opportunity to provide input on the CIP and to help guide the county moving forward.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Crago called for questions and comments. Kathleen Ralph stated that on the county website there is a draft CIP, an FCIP that is only the events center and another FCIP which is a multi-year thing. In the draft CIP for 2020, Kathleen cannot find where the event center fits or any of the other FCIP's in the draft CIP. Brandon Duffy explained that they tried to keep that separate and tried to identify the other facilities so they got input from the different departments on what they need from their current facilities. Great West made reference to the FCIP plans for those buildings instead of trying to incorporate that whole plan into theirs. Kathleen Ralph asked if the 2020 plan is for this year as to what the priorities are because they are all quite small in comparison. It seems like it should be brought together if you know what the priorities are, especially for this year or going forward. Brandon Duffy explained that this CIP is a one-to-five-year document of what projects we want to identify with the priorities in the executive summary of what is going to be addressed in the immediate future. The county can add a section that brings in the county's facility plan and have another section in there that specifically identifies that facilities plan and a table prioritizing when and the costs associated with it. Kathleen stated that it would be helpful to incorporate them all to help get a sense of what the priorities are.

Edward May asked what the findings were, specifically with the roads that were lowered valued roads. Brandon Duffy stated that the passer analysis take into account washboards, rutting, drainage in the road and what the road width is compared to county standards. All these things are factored into the ranking. Edward May asked what is the priority for some of the roads in the county, especially those that score low? Edward said he would make an assumption that Springtime Road got a low score because of the traffic due to the wind farm. Where is the priority with certain roads that saw high traffic and destruction because of that traffic? Commissioner Crago responded that this is still in the draft stages so there has been no planning done yet because it is not a formalized document at this point. There is going to be more input today to add to the input already received. There has not been a plan as to critical paths on what the plan is showing for areas of interest. The Commission has a lot of plans and ideas to help better the roads and will use this plan to help guide them.

Don Beer asked if going forward with this draft plan if there will be more public forums as to the criteria contained in the documents? Commissioner Crago replied that there will be a final approval of the final CIP document at the agenda meeting and questions or concerns can be voiced then. After it is approved there will be working sessions that anyone is welcome to attend and can express their concerns. Don said that his question is when the Commission starts prioritizing the roadways will the public have an avenue to see where the priorities lay, what's going to be spent and where and how. Commissioner Hamilton replied that he hopes that we can utilize this to help prioritize the road projects and to help build them into the road and bridges county road project book for 2021 and 2022 moving forward. The road project books are on the county website and with the help of the CIP and public input, the county should be able to incorporate them into the county road projects book moving forward. Maureen Davey asked when the Commission will finalize this and that at that time the public can make comments and the vote is that day, how do the comments get in the final draft. Commissioner Crago asked Brandon if they will incorporate the comments or changes from the meeting today and in thirty days? Brandon replied that the date was February 9, 2021 to make changes or incorporate comment received today. Commissioner Crago stated that the 16th or 23rd of February will be the earliest dates to put it on the agenda. It will still be roughly thirty days between now and the time Brandon gets the document to the Commission to review. Commissioner Hamilton added that the newly reviewed document would go on the website for public review and comment. Maureen Davey stated that there are a lot thing going on right now. The legislature is in session and this

took away from her following that. Maureen further stated that she would like to see the finalizing of this postponed until after the legislative session is over so that we can all concentrate on some of those things. It is a busy time with the session going on. Don Beer stated that people would all like a bit of time to look at the draft and digest it before it goes to a vote so people can make some comments that may be helpful.

Lynda Grande stated that her confusion is similar to Kathleen's. When you did the community survey, roads, meetings and everything that is in this plan that were priorities that are incorporated into this plan. The perception in the community is that the fairgrounds is your first priority and it is not in this plan. If that is the first priority then it should be all inclusive so we know where you are going. I realize that if you are developing the existing property you are going to have to move somewhere. There needs to be a plan that can be pulled up and studied instead of three and know which way we are heading.

Don Strizki commented that as a CPA and government auditor for forty years that he has seen his share of wasteful spending and to have the fairgrounds moved across the road is absolutely ludicrous. Don further stated that this county was not founded that way. The government here is to do roads, that's it and to keep the bills paid, the lights on and to keep the Sheriff going. The county is not an economic development authority. It is very important to spend wisely. It does not make any sense to have the fairgrounds across the interstate where kids have to walk and to perhaps build a tunnel and the debt that would be incurred. Don further stated that when he was the County Treasurer the county did not have one bond, zero debt. We now have debt because of the hospital. This will cause debt and debt will create obligations which will go on for generations. Don went on to say that he understands that we need some improvement but this is ridiculous. We have a good fairground for the little that the county uses them. This is not Yellowstone County. We don't have ten hotels and five restaurants, we barely have one restaurant and its not open all the time and you are going to try to bring more people in, not a good idea. Don stated that he is all for spending money on roads and things the county was set up for and to take care of the needs of the people, not to bring in business. Don wanted to make sure he is on the record to state that he is most definitely opposed to any new construction of the fairgrounds. If you want to do something decent, build an elevator on to the courthouse. A lot of elderly people cannot get upstairs because there is no elevator. If you are going to spend the money, do it wisely and use it for something that everyone in the county can use and need. A lot of people are upset about this and Don is one of them because he sees government waste.

Jerry Wanner asked what the income of the Metra is? Jerry stated that he thinks it is next to nothing and it is fine, leave it alone. Jerry also stated that he likes the courthouse, why change it.

Mike Davey stated that the fairgrounds has served the county well. Mike further stated that he is strongly opposed to the new fairgrounds. If the county has that much money, why are we paying the taxes that we have. It doesn't make any sense to build something that is going to cost more. It is fine to build a school, kids need to be educated. The county does not need something like this, we have it down the road. People can drive to the Yellowstone Metra. They have the infrastructure for it. The county has less and less businesses every year. We don't need something like that out there, it is irresponsible. Someone is going to have to staff it and that is inefficient with government. Mike stated that it is very irresponsible and he is opposed to it. Jerry Wanner added that the county does not want the boat float or the fireworks anymore, why would you want a Metra.

Webb Mandeville stated that he has experience with capital improvement plans and that he appreciates that the county put together a plan. A capital improvements plan does a good job of setting up priorities and you can knock them off as you move forward. He did not vote for the current Commission for nothing to happen for the next six years. Webb further stated that he wants to see them moving forward and taking care of things

that are seen as priorities. A capital improvements plan will help do that. He does not blame them for seeing the Courthouse as a priority, the building is a hundred years old or at least next year it will be. Webb went on to say that he did not know how much money has gone into maintaining the building but there has been about \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 for the front steps. It is an old building and not acceptable, research was done into putting up an elevator and the ground was not stable enough according to the engineering report at that point in time to support an elevator. County offices are spread out all over town. It is not outside the realm of feasibility to want to put together another building that would house county offices. Why does the county have to put up with an older building that is not adequate? Can't the county have a building that will accommodate the needs of the community and be up to date technologically and be accessible. Webb further stated that he understands if you move to where the fairgrounds are and put up an office building, you will have to find a place to put the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds have never been that adequate either. The fairgrounds used to be down where the Timberweld was. It has served our community well but it started out as a small tin building and is now a large tin building that is use as community/event center but it is not real adequate. Webb stated that he does not know if an event center across the interstate is a great idea but moving forward and progress with the capital improvements plan, to make improvements to our community and to look to the future is a good thing and it is what he expects of the Commissioners and hopes that they move forward.

Don Beer stated that he thought most people in the room would agree with Webb that we need to move forward in this community. These capital projects need to be looked at and be evaluated by the community. When there is thirty-five million dollar price tag on something, people become alarmed. There is a ton of unfunded liability there that is going to scatter out for many years. To be honest, Stillwater Mine might be here for two years or they might be here for twenty years, we don't know. The mine is where a lot of the revenue is going to come from. When the mines doors closed and the county is left with all of this unfunded liability, the community will be on the hook. That is a huge concern moving forward, that is why there is criticism of the price tag. Webb responded that the concept of a capital improvements plan is to put cost with priority. Webb stated that when they built City Hall, it was exactly the same thing. The city was operating out of a very inadequate facility. It cost money to build and the city had to borrow money for twenty years and people said they had built the Taj Mahal and others said it wasn't built big enough. This is all part of a capital improvements plan. The city had to do new sewers, streets and water mains, it is all part of the list and the funding is part of it. As a small county, Stillwater probably has the best tax base in the State of Montana, it might not last forever but there is probably 300 to 400 million dollars sitting at the end of Clough Avenue that funds projects and you need to take advantage of that. You need to move forward with the projects you can afford bit by bit because it is not always going to be there. We need to take advantage of it while we can. Don Strizki pointed out that if the mine goes away, it goes away but debt does not go away. Don Beer said that Webb is very well spoken and that he was right on a lot of points but there needs to be some common ground in this community. It is the Commissioners job to find that common ground with the tax base that is going to support your project. Don said he was not sure they had a simple majority yet on this project. Don thanked the Commissioners for putting it on hold and allowing people to get more involved because it needs to be looked at. Commissioner Riveland thanked Don and stated that is where the Commission wants to go at this point, is the community outreach and get feedback and to make sound decisions based off of what the community is telling the Commission.

Lynda Grande wanted to point out that she did read the results from the survey that was put on the website and that the Commission did conduct community meetings. Lynda stated that she supports the library and always has but the only thing that rated almost as low as the library was the fairgrounds. The people in Columbus supported it just like the people in Columbus support the library but the outlying areas and communities use it maybe once a year. That's why it is such a low priority. We come in once a year to

pay or taxes and get our license and to hold meetings. This is not where we are going to get a lot of traveling shows or events. It is handy to have it by the interstate but people will get right back on the interstate to Bozeman or Billings and will not do anything for the town of Columbus.

Commissioner Crago stated that for clarification on the process in which the building projects are laid out, the fairgrounds/events center is the frontrunner right now and it is the frontrunner because of the way we need to open up spaces for the other projects. The office complex is one of the main goals, but to free up the property to be able to build the office complex, the fairgrounds/event center has to go in with some of the services that are there now before we demolish it to put the new county office complex there. The process is not because one project is favored over the other, but it has been set up in phases to open up the properties and so that when it comes to the current courthouse being remodeled into a law and justice center that the building will be empty because the county offices will be out into an office building. This is something that if you did not attend public meetings you may have missed. Lynda Grande said that in prior discussions there was talk of having the government building some place besides the fairgrounds, aren't there lots available in Columbus?

Maureen Davey stated that in the past she has gone through most of these planning documents and proofread them. She read this document the same way. It is not fun looking through all this stuff but it is necessary. The first sentence of the first page of the document states that at the core the responsibility of the Stillwater County Commission is the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the county's capital assets. On the next page it gives overall county priorities as identified by the County Commission and main priorities are right there so if you stick to the priorities that are in here then these things get done first before a lot of other things. On the next page it states that the plan strives to reflect the values of the county residents and to exemplify sound financial practices. Maureen said that she liked that the previous planning documents were added, one being the growth policy and she hopes that those are incorporated into this because some of those are a lot more conservative than what is going on right now. Maureen pointed out that the overall economic development plan does not have a date and that is history for all of us and an education so that if we ever do reference this it is nice to have the date. The Stillwater County Facilities Plan talks about the fairgrounds and the capital improvements planning committee. Maureen asked if there was another capital improvements planning committee besides the one that has been meeting for about two years. Brandon Duffy replied that on the front page of the facilities plan document is a whole list of what the committee was or who those people were who were involved in the meetings that were held. Maureen asked what committee was that. Commissioner Crago replied it was the Facilities Capital Improvements committee. Maureen asked if the names should be changed to that. Commissioner Hamilton replied that they can add more information to that. Brandon stated that he can add the Facilities Capital Improvements committee. Maureen said that in Parks and Recreation it has a county owned public golf course on page 24. The county does not own a public golf course. On top of that under county operated facilities it says that the facilities department manages all road maintenance buildings, the weed board, which maybe should be building? Maureen also found that on page 26, under the road priorities, said that there are two major collector roads, the Molt-Rapelje Road and the Big Timber Road. If you look back to the growth policy, there are numerous major collector roads and the Big Timber Road is not included in that list. There are major collector roads and minor collector roads and that is very important to this document to make sure that we prioritize these major collector roads and minor collector roads because we have a big project it's called Valley Creek Road. Its not a bus route, its not a mail route and there are very few people who live on this road and the county is spending a lot of money on it. It's a dirt road and when it is wet and people from out of the area come and drive on it to hunt or fish it becomes a problem. It is not included as a major or a minor collector road and we are going to spend a lot of money on it. Maureen further stated that she looked at the maps of the roads and some of them are not identified correctly. Maureen said that she could give these pages to Brandon.

Maureen also stated that again it talks about the proposed project across the interstate which she is not in favor of and she thinks we need to spend our money on infrastructure which in this plan outlines bridges and roads. This county could have the best roads in the whole state with the funds we are proposing to use on the fairgrounds site. Pleasant Valley Road going into Yellowstone County has nice gravel on the Yellowstone side and dirt on the Stillwater side. All the farmers in the north use those roads during harvest and they need good roads to drive on. This was heard in Molt that they cannot get two semis down a road when they are harvesting. Maureen said that she thinks our money should be spent more wisely on infrastructure and would like to see a lot more money go towards the roads.

Edward May said that he seconds the thoughts of Ms. Davey and others in the room. Edward stated that first of all the Commission has not sold him yet and he is not opposed to the plan to move the fairgrounds and build what some would call a Taj Mahal. He does not see an income stream to support it other than the tax base. Government, at any level from local to state to federal has a tendency to just keep growing and gets out of hand. At some point we all look back and say where did we let this tiger get loose? Edward stated that he believes we need to stick to our constitution, why are we here and what are the three Commissioners charged with. It starts with the safety of the citizens and the lawful requirement to provide services. Commerce begins with good road systems. The county has miles of gravel roads that don't have the base and washboarding is going to occur until you pave them. Providing the citizenry the ability to conduct commerce, get the grain to market, get the cattle out to the pasture or whatever it is, that is where it begins. Edward said that in regard to the fairgrounds, if we have a windfall and can pay for it, he's all for it. The county is not there. Edward stated that the Commission will have to sell it to him along with a lot of other people in the county on the new fairgrounds. The county keeps getting kicked down the road on really important subjects like good safe roads and he does not see the county being successful with the important topics.

Commissioner Crago called for any other questions or comments and stated that the Commission appreciates the feedback. Commissioner Crago asked Brandon Duffy if he will be able to get something in a couple of weeks to start reviewing. Brandon replied that he would be able to do that. Commissioner Hamilton added that the Library Chair, Maureen Davey, pointed out that the library had not submitted their portion of the CIP survey for their facilities. Commissioner Hamilton stated that he had the library survey and would submit it to Brandon to be incorporated for the library. Brandon stated that he received stuff from the airport after the draft as well and will make sure that is also incorporated into the draft.

Edward May of the Stillwater Economic Development Council spoke and said that he was not aware that the Commissioners requested assistance of any kind or that the Economic Development Council was tasked with helping to prioritize projects in regard to the future. Commissioner Hamilton replied that the overall economic development plan was updated in 2015 and that was one of the documents referenced in the CIP. That needs to be updated again, the board is now meeting more frequently now with Stephanie Ray and that update will come soon. The board member encouraged the Commission to request input from the council because they are here to help.

Maureen Davey stated that government just doesn't pick up these plans and decide to do a Capital Improvements plan. There are statutes that cover these that say you can do that and it would be a good thing to include the statutes in this plan. Maureen said that she read one of the previous plans and it has the statutes in it and asked if Brandon could add the statutes that give the Commission the authority to do this.

Commissioner Crago asked for further comments. Hearing none Commissioner Crago asked his fellow Commissioners if there was a preference for a date to have the plan returned for review and final approval. Commissioner Riveland stated that the requested update to the CIP should be done and another public hearing held after the

update and go forward from there. Commissioner Hamilton agreed with Commissioner Riveland. Commissioner Hamilton stated that March 16th would be the earliest date for a public comment period after the review. Commissioner Crago stated that the Commission would wait for the second draft or final draft for review and after that another hearing date will be set for no less than thirty days after its receipt. Commissioner Crago asked that people pay attention to the website and the postings for hearing dates. Based on the attendance of this hearing, the next hearing will be scheduled at the pavilion.

With no further comments hear the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder